



MARCHING INTO SPRING

As the country's most Irish-American region, New England relishes the chance to celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month each March, when ethnic pride and culture are on display. Here's a quick preview of what's in store as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day season.

IRISH FESTIVAL

The 14th annual Irish Festival at Patriot Place in Foxborough on Saturday, March 15 is a joyous family-fun day full of live Irish music and wonderful step dancing displays from local schools. An Irish Village Marketplace features gift shops and artisans with authentic clothing, jewelry and books for purchase. Patriot Place eateries such as

The Harp, Wormtown Brewery and the Six String Grill offer mouth-watering Irish meals, and kids can enjoy a petting zoo, cornhole, airbrush tattoos and more.

patriot-place.com/irish-festival/

PARADES

Did you know that New England boasts fifteen St. Patrick's Parades, at least one in every state! These special events each March are organized by dedicated volunteer groups that raise funds, organize permits, book the pipe bands, marching bands, floats and make sure everyone has fun. The parades are a wonderful expression of community pride and also the start of spring! From Newport to Holyoke, Worcester to Scituate, Boston to Cape Cod, find a parade near you and celebrate the Irish.

irishboston.org/parades.php

IRISH CULTURAL HUBS

There are numerous Irish hubs throughout New England but these are special during St. Patrick's Day season.

CANTON, MA

The Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston is a year-round headquarters for the Irish community, with special energy on St. Patrick's Day weekend, with live music and dancing, parties and family events, mass services and luncheons and plenty of fun.

LAWRENCE, MA

The Ancient Order of Hibernians local chapter organizes events all month long, starting with the annual Irish flag raising ceremony at City Hall, followed by live music and dance, lectures, luncheons, movies and exhibits.

LOWELL, MA

The 42nd Irish Cultural Week runs from March 10-17, 2025, and features multiple events throughout the city, especially around St. Patrick's Church, the hub of the community. Enjoy Irish Acre walking tours, lectures, concerts, award presentations and more.

NEWPORT, RI

The March 15 parade is the centerpiece of Newport's celebration, and you'll also find events at the Museum of Newport Irish History, at local pubs and restaurants. Irish history and heritage walks at churches and cemeteries are fun too.

